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FROM: Chief, Operations Group		EXTENSION 3-5991	NO. DATE September 1987	
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7. PO/RA	10/23		Om	
8. SA/CD	10/26		Em E	
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10. C/AS	27 Oct		CJ	
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6 October 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

FROM:   
Chief, Okinawa Bureau

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I. GENERAL

A. Computer equipment for Okinawa's FBA-1 installation arrived on 21 and 25 September, and the first five Lockheed installer and training personnel arrived over the last weekend of the month to begin preparations. Installation work is focusing on establishing the communications, editorial and the Chinese units as the first part of the network in view of the imminent Chinese Party Congress on 25 October. We are installing all cables in additional metal conduit to shield bureau antenna and receiver lines from demonstrated high EMI levels from the computers; this is not expected to add more than one week to installation time, the bureau supplying and installing the conduit.

B. The bureau chief found himself at a seemingly unending round of senior change-of-command ceremonies early in September as most commanders were replaced, and he also completed initial courtesy calls on our most important contacts. Okinawa's top military commander, Maj. Gen. Edwin J. Godfrey, handed over command of the III Marine Amphibious Force and 3rd Marine Division on 10 September to Maj. Gen. Norman H. Smith at Camp Courtney ceremonies. Godfrey is to receive a third star and become lieutenant general and commander of the Fleet Marine Force Pacific at Camp Smith, Hawaii. On 9 September Maj. Gen. C. H. Pitman handed command of the First Marine Air Wing at Futenma Marine Corps Air Station to Brig. Gen. R. S. Plasterer. Kadena AFB's 313th Air Division lost Brig. Gen. Keith B. Connolly, who is moving up to Yokota AFB to become vice commander of Fifth Air Force, when he handed over on 11 September to Brig. Gen. Peter D. Robinson, arriving on Okinawa from the 36th Tactical Fighter Wing, Bitburg AFB, West Germany. On 3 September the chief and deputy visited Col. James H. Griffin, the senior Army commander on island, who commands the 10th Area Support Group at Torii Station, and on 8 September with Capt. Ann Langley, RN, new commander of the U.S. Navy Hospital at Camp Lester. On 28 September the bureau chief and our newly arrived administrative officer,  paid a courtesy call on Yomitan Mayor Tokushin Yamauchi, who expressed interest in visiting the bureau again after the current modernization project is completed.

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C. Continuation of the bureau's longterm housing recapitalization program was assured by EPS's transfer of \$902,000 to no-year construction accounts at the fiscal year-end to cover recent changes in the FY-86 seven-house program and design some construction work to renovate the 16 GSWK tin-roofed houses next on the schedule. We held meetings with the Okinawa Area Engineer, Lt. Col. Jerry L. Berry, on 21 September to clarify our funding and building positions. We have informed the Corps that we probably will not proceed with a second duplex project because of excessively high estimated costs. In the FBIS housing area, the new 3-bedroom duplex and renovation of three houses remained stalled awaiting U.S.-supplied building parts, most of which arrived at month-end. We now hope, as does the Corps, that the duplex will be finished in November along with the first of the renovated houses.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Hong Kong and Okinawa discovered through a 21 September Xinhua report that Hong Kong's new wired Xinhua English service may occasionally carry an item ahead of Okinawa's Xinhua, taken from shortwave transmissions. The 21 September dispatch on Soviet and Chinese foreign ministers meeting at the United Nations was carried less than 3 hours later by Okinawa's Xinhua English, coming during a time when our transmission had not begun and when the CEI/China Economic Information test materials were still being carried. We have pouched one week's Xinhua English file to Hong Kong for review to determine if there are any other differences. In the meantime, CEI test transmissions have been stopped for "one to two months" to prepare for "official transmission" later. Hong Kong will file any flash or immediate reports without advance coordination with Okinawa until a pattern becomes clear.

2. We introduced a new program assignment listing for Chinese Unit shifts and a new flexible policy to enable faster processing of urgent materials. Routine class B or lower programs will be processed after flash, immediate or priority long items have been completed by the pooled efforts of all monitors on duty; class A coverage continues to be monitored live. We expect this approach will speed and strengthen processing of major materials, including those from the 13th CPC Congress starting 25 October.

3. We reported the reappearance of Moscow Radio Peace and Progress Mandarin broadcasts in early September, filed representative items and pouched program summaries to Analysis Group for a planned AG update on these broadcasts. Checks confirmed there were no RPP Cantonese, Shanghainese or Mongolian casts.

4. We filed on 29 September the first Xinhua Chinese and English reports on new riots and unrest in Lhasa, subsequently leading to unusual Beijing television reportage of these events on 4 October that showed rock-throwing demonstrators, clashes with police, and fires set in the Tibetan capital's streets.

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5. Associate editor [ ] was able to freshen his skills as former English-language monitor on 18 September when Tokyo's NHK carried the first Soviet comment on the new U.S.-Soviet missile agreement, in a satellite link interview of Moscow's Georgiy Arbatov by NHK that carried both English and Japanese sound. Our Japanese team on 30 September covered a major TV press conference by Prime Minister Nakasone as he entered the final month of his term expiring on 31 October.

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#### B. Cruising

We learned in mid-September that we will be without a staff cruiser for an indefinite period. Until Headquarters decides on future staffing, chief monitor [ ] will continue to supervise our three-man MLC team at least until January or next spring. Cruisers reviewed and updated Okinawa's ability to provide satellite coverage of Philippines TV and press agencies to assist Bangkok or cover urgent developments, and updated the Beijing to Taiwan and Voice of Strait broadcast schedules.

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#### C. Lateral Services

We provided expedited military Express Mail delivery to MOD of an "I Serve the Soviet Union" 19 September broadcast first available from Okinawa's Orbita 1 coverage in the event MOD did not have from London or Headquarters ROSET coverage. Okinawa also provided a VSL heads-up for a consumer on new photographic coverage of the Soviet IL-96 aircraft, available some 6 hours ahead of London's coverage. The footage was later fed from London by Internet to MOD.

#### D. Technical

Message exchanges about FY-87 year-end funds yielded approval for Okinawa to buy through Bangkok Bureau a replacement 4-meter ROSET dish with LNA for the PESOS destroyed by Typhoon Dinah on 29 August. We believe Dinah also played a role in the elevation motor bearing failure for our 10-meter dish. The motor was replaced with our spare on 14 September, and the damaged motor rebuilt so we still have a spare. All Dinah damage to our rhombic and beverage antenna systems has been repaired. All monitor booths had been modified for FBA-1 computer installation by month-end.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Administrative officer [ ], arrived with his family on 25 September, ending a 3-month hiatus in his position. [ ] our first editorial trainee TDYer of the new season, arrived on the same flight. We lost Chinese monitor [ ] on 30 September, when she resigned to immigrate to Canada with her family after 3 years with the bureau. MLC Main Radio watch officer [ ] retired on 30 September after nearly 35 years with FBIS, and was presented with a letter of appreciation from D/FBIS by the bureau chief. [ ] began work 21 September as our second part-time bureau secretary.

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2. The weak dollar and strong yen in August pushed Okinawa's post allowance or COLA back up to Class 25--where it had been up to 2 August--effective 13 September. Since the dollar has regained strength to a Yen 145 to \$1 level at month-end the COLA probably will drop again soon. We were advised that Okinawa's 10 percent post differential review had been completed by State Department, and this will continue until the next review in 1989.

#### IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

U.S. Army "foreign area officer" trainees, Majors Charles R. Stead and Gerald D. Hill III and Capt. W. Lance Gatling, all stationed at State's Yokohama Japanese-language and area institute, on 3 September for orientation; 6990th Electronic Security Group commander Lt. Col. Paul R. Schaffenberger and DODS Spec Rep Okinawa Mr. Charles Gibson, on 11 September for orientation; [redacted] AG's China-Third World Division chief, on 14-15 September for substantive discussions; new Consulate General vice principal officer Richard M. Gibson and wife Patricia on 15 September, for an informal briefing and tour; [redacted] communications officers on 17-19 September for discussions of bureau secure communications plans and installation; Lockheed FBA-1 contractors [redacted] arriving from 25 through 29 September to begin bureau LAN installation.

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From the Bureau:

Regional engineer [redacted] to Hong Kong 8-12 September and Bangkok 13-17 September for consultations on bureau problems and direct dial tests; Chinese shift supervisor [redacted] to Headquarters 19-26 September for the foreign national orientation program.

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#### V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bureau employees and families celebrated Labor Day weekend with a potluck picnic dinner and barbecue on 6 September featuring watering, eating, and desserting stations at the bureau chief's, regional engineer's and chief editor's houses and fun and games on the grass common fronting all three houses.

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Attachments:

Production Report

## OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,130,190
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	562,750
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,743

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:  
(minutes or issues per week)

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
21,225 min.	19,065 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

## CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in  
English

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## CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	430
Beijing International Service to North America in English	---
Beijing International Service in Japanese	2,080
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	800
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	1,500
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	4,730
Beijing Television Service in Mandarin	1,350
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,050
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,290
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,300
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,900
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,920
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	8,580

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing HONGQI in Chinese			27,300
Beijing XINHUA in English		568,580	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		118,760	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			3,110
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			1,670
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			2,040
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,390
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			330
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,860
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			1,070
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	700		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	510		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	8,920		
Tokyo JPS in English		1,890	
Tokyo KYODO in English		160,590	
Tokyo JIJI in English		7,780	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			7,720
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			8,250
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			620
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			5,010

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,400
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,530
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			8,590
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			10,270
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,630
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,670
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			---
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English		---	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		1,250	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		10,980	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	9,170		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	3,440		
Taipei CNA in English		16,870	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			5,170
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLIC- CATIONS
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			400
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	3,950		
Moscow International Service in Mandarin	5,470		
Moscow to Asia-Pacific Region in Mandarin	690		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	7,940		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	230		
Hanoi VNA in English		65,610	